

TREATED HER AS HIS SLAVE.

Grand-Nephew of President
Madison Accused of Cru-
elty by His Wife.

Declared Her Husband Called
Her a "Nigger," and Beat
Her Continually.

Said He Only Married Her in Order to
Have Some One to Wait
Upon Him.

POURED HOT COFFEE OVER HER.

Mrs. Madison Starled the Judge by Stating
That Her Husband Had Threatened
Her After She Had Entered
the Courtroom.

Ambrose G. Madison, a great-grand-
nephew of former President James Mad-
ison, was the defendant in a suit for sep-
aration in the Supreme Court, before Justice
Dickey, in Brooklyn, yesterday. This son
of noble stock, according to his wife, is
employed variously as a race track tout,
a huckster and a pedler of patent med-
icines. He is a man about thirty-five years
old, with thin, light hair, and a long red
mustache.

His wife, Margaret, is a very handsome
woman about the same age. They have
five children: Margaret, sixteen; Katie,
thirteen; Willie, eight; Ambrose, six, and
Annie, two years old. The children, very
handsomely dressed, were in court yester-
day.

Mrs. Madison testified that she was mar-
ried November 17, 1878. Her maiden name
was McGarry. They first lived on Twen-
tieth street, South Brooklyn. The first
trouble between the Madisons died in 1884,
when one of their children died. Her hus-
band was without money, and Mrs. Mad-
ison's mother allowed the baby to be buried
in her plot in Holy Cross Cemetery.

On the way home from the cemetery
Mr. Madison said to his wife: "Don't you
ever put me in any Irish-Catholic cem-
etry. I am a grand-nephew of ex-President
James Madison, and I can be buried in a
better place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery."

Was Accustomed to Slaves.
In 1893 her husband was taking a bath
and told her to bring his clothes.

"I have been accustomed to slaves," said
the husband, "and that is all I married you
for."

Mrs. Madison said her husband used to
spend all of his cash at the race track and
in a gambling house in New York.

One morning in 1894 Madison said to his
wife: "I lost \$15 in a hotel last night. The
place was raided and I did not get a
chance to win it back. You must go and
get over and see the proprietor. Play
the sister of charity act. If crying would
do it, tell him you have proof against his
place that will compel him to give it up."

Mrs. Madison said that on another occa-
sion he compelled her to take her baby
and go over to see a Mrs. McLean, the
proprietress of another house in New York,
to borrow \$5, as he had lost money there
also. The woman gave her only fifty
cents. When she got home her husband
beat her.

Now she had protested about going after
the money her husband said:
"You have got to go. You are my dog
and my nigger. Don't you know I only
keep you here to wait on me, you Irish
Catholic?"

Bible as a Weapon.
In 1894, when the Madisons lived on
Willoughby street, Mrs. Madison took her
two little girls and went to church. When
she got home her husband was reading
the Bible. He took hold of his wife and
while she beat her in the face with the
Good Book.

"How big was the Bible?" asked Justice
Dickey.

"About the size of this one I have just
sworn on," said the witness. The Court
Bible is about five inches long by four
wide and a couple of inches thick.

Once, when they lived on Willoughby
street, in 1894, Mrs. Madison said she
took one of her children by the feet and
swung her around in a violent manner.
When the mother intervened he turned on
her and gave her a beating.

Mrs. Madison said that they had a quar-
rel lasting for a week. Her husband was
obliged to get up early, and asked her to
call him. He would throw things at her
when she did call him, and would not get
up. When he did rise he would beat her
in a brutal manner for not waking him.

Hot Coffee Over Her.
One morning he threw his cup of coffee
over her and then spat in her face.

"That's the way we do down South to
show our contempt for our niggers," he re-
marked.

One morning, shortly before they sepa-
rated, Mrs. Madison was in the kitchen
peeling vegetables in front of her house.
She put her head out of the window and
spoke to him. He threw a tumbler at his
wife and swore, and told her to get back
in the house, where she belonged. Then he
went upstairs and beat her with a whip.

Mrs. Madison created a sensation in the
court room when she said that her husband
had made threatening signs at her in court
after the commencement of the trial.

"What did he do?" asked Justice Dickey.

"He met me at the door as I came in
and grunted his teeth at me. He shook his
clenched fist at me and brushed against me
and stamped on my toes. He called me a
gypsy and an Irish hussy."

"Since the commencement of this action,"
continued Mrs. Madison, "I have seen him
and it would not make any difference if I
did get a separation. He said he did not care
for the Judge, and even if he got locked
up he would break away and do something
desperate."

Mrs. Leonard C. Perry, a colored woman
who lives next to the house at No. 99
Lawrence street, when the Madisons lived
there, testified that they had frequent
quarrels. She also said that Madison had
made threatening remarks to her in the
corridors of the court house. He told her
he would get even with her if she testified
against him.

One of the witnesses for the plaintiff
said that Mr. Madison had quarreled with
his wife about a man named Hazen. At
that time Madison said that Hazen
was too friendly with his wife. He gave
the testimony for the day, and Court ad-
journing till this morning.

Madison beat his wife and made some
remark to her in a low voice. She told
her lawyer that her husband had said
that he would eat her and punch holes
in him.

Lawyer Washburn, who represents Mrs.
Madison, turned to Madison and said:
"You are out of this row. Get out!"
They had more words in the corridor.

CALF CHEWED HIS FLOWERS.

Reason Why Two Fort Hamilton Neighbors
Are No Longer Friends.

Because John Brennan's pet calf kept
feeding on Peter Ischbart's plants, the lat-
ter had Brennan summoned before Judge
Covenhoven, in the Fort Hamilton Court
yesterday morning.

Until recently the two men were the best
of friends, and resided within a stone's
throw of each other, on Battery place, in
Fort Hamilton. Ischbart didn't pay much
attention to the calf until recently, when it
ate up his greenhouses and chewed up
some of his flowers and violets. This so
angered Ischbart that he had a summons
issued for his former friend. At the re-
quest of both parties, the court has pos-
tponed the hearing until this morning.

PUT A LAMP ON A STOVE.

It Exploded, and Three-Year-Old Edward
O'Brien Was Probably Fatally
Burned.

Edward Kennedy, the three-year-old son
of Kennedy O'Brien, was fearfully burned
at his home, No. 85 Sackett street, Brook-
lyn, yesterday afternoon. His life was
despaired of last night by the physicians
at the Long Island College Hospital.

Mrs. O'Brien ran out to the stove about
2 o'clock, leaving Eddie all alone. As soon
as she had departed the boy dragged a
kerosene lamp from the table. This he
placed on the stove, which was red hot.

The boy got a match and struck it, in-
tending to light the lamp. Before he had
a chance to do so it exploded. The oil, which
was burning, and the broken glass
scattered in all directions.

Two peddlers who were passing saw a
puff of smoke shoot out from a window.
They hurried to the front of the house
on the door writing amid flames.

A blanket was thrown over the child and
the flames put out. The mother arrived
at this point, but too late to help the
child. He was taken to the Long Island
College Hospital.

WORTH WINS IN BROOKLYN

Platt's Men Claim a Majority of Thirty in
the New General Committee.

Worth and Willis, the rival Republican
leaders in Kings County, fought the an-
nual battle in the ward committee meet-
ings held last night all over Brooklyn, and
Worth won. Sheriff Rutting, his chief
lieutenant, said last night that he had a
majority of thirty of the delegates elected
to the General Committee. This will in-
sure the election of Worth's candidate,
Silas B. Dutcher, as chairman of the com-
mittee, and place the Kings County or-
ganization behind Platt in the Senatorial
contest.

The battle was hottest in the Twenty-second
Ward, where Lieutenant Governor-
Elect Timothy L. Woodruff was trying to
keep his control of the delegates. The
result was in doubt late last night. Willis's
friends said they had beaten Woodruff, but
the Worth people claimed that the former
Park Commissioner had gained the upper
hand.

PRESENTS FOR POOR TOTS.

Christmas Tree Association Will Make 2,000
Children Happy.

The hearts of two thousand poor children
of the tenement districts of Williamsburg,
through the efforts of the East End Christ-
mas Tree Association, which is comprised
of society women of the Eastern District,
who are engaged in charitable work. The
members of the society have been making
preparations for the event since last Sum-
mer, and the presents to be awarded the
children are said to be handsome and use-
ful.

The affair will be held at the Amphion
Theater. The festivities will begin at 8
o'clock and will be opened by Mayor Wun-
der. At the conclusion of the Mayor's
speech an entertainment will be held, at
which a number of professional actors and
actresses, who are playing at the various
theatres in Williamsburg this week, have
promised to appear. The entertainment
will last for an hour and a half. At 10:30
o'clock the presents will be distributed.

The boxes in the Amphion for the event
were auctioned off yesterday in the Long
Island College Assembly Rooms, on South
Eighth street, by Charles Fox, and brought
nearly fancy prices. The price of tickets were
\$5 each.

HOTLY CONTESTED PRIMARIES

Jeffersonians Reorganize Their General Com-
mittee in Long Island City.

The results of the primaries for the re-
organization of the Jeffersonian Demo-
cratic General Committee of Long Island
City, which were held on Monday night,
were made known yesterday.

In the Fourth Ward a determined effort
was made to nullify the influence of Luke
Keenan, who supported Daniel Shea, a
Glenosier, for the Assembly nomination at
the Newtown Convention, and to prevent
his re-election to the County Committee.
Keenan said last night that he had de-
feated his adversary, Henry J. Hildebrand.

An objection was also made to W. J.
O'Donnell, of the Fourth Ward, on the
ground that he had not properly repre-
sented his party at one of the recent con-
ventions. The matter was finally referred
to a committee composed of Owen Halpin,
George R. Crowley, M. J. Sullivan, Joseph
Cassidy, Samuel George, Theodore Dic-
tel and August Dauterive, which will
render a decision on Monday next.

The General Committee will undergo lit-
tle or no changes as a result of the primar-
ies.

TO BUILD A MASONIC TEMPLE.

A Seven Story Building to Be Erected in
Brooklyn at a Cost of \$250,000.

The Masonic fraternity of Brooklyn in-
tends to rear a magnificent temple in a cen-
tral part of the city. The general plan is to
construct a seven-story building, 100x125
feet, at a cost of \$250,000.

The ground floor will be devoted to busi-
ness. The second will probably be used as
a public hall. The other floors will be di-
vided into lodge rooms, suitably arranged
for blue lodges, Royal Arch Chapters,
Knights Templar, Scottish Rite lodges, etc.

The top floor will be used for banquets.
The money will be raised by the sale of
land. Although the fraternity is very strong
in Brooklyn, it has no headquarters, head-
quarters, except in Greenpoint, where the
lodges in that section have a Masonic tem-
ple, which is a modest edifice.

CHANEY TAKEN BACK IN IRONS.

The Escaped Train Robber Is Once More in
the Kings County Penitentiary.

Alfred Chaney, the train robber, was re-
captured near Washington, and taken back
to the Penitentiary in Brooklyn. Chaney
and "Kid" Wilson, held up a train near
Fort Smith, Ark., last December, and his
trial ended with a sentence of twenty-four
months imprisonment. He was seized in-
stantly, and was sent to the Washington
Asylum, from which he recently escaped.

Deputy Marshal Koch took Chaney from
Washington with irons on his hands and
feet.

Wilson, who is serving his sentence, has
repeatedly declared that Chaney is inno-
cent. He says it was Chaney's brother who
helped stop the train. The brother was
afterward shot and killed by a Federal offi-
cer.

ASSESSMENT ROLL TO CLOSE.

Long Island City's Books Will Be Turned
Over to the Supervisors To-day.

The books of the Long Island City As-
sessment roll will be turned over to the Queens
County Board of Supervisors to-day, when
the assessment rolls of the county will be
closed.

The assessments of the city have been
nearly doubled, and it is expected that
the total will reach between \$400,000 and
\$500,000 this year. It is expected that
the Board will issue this week \$150,000
of bonds to fund a portion of their
floating indebtedness. Most of this sum
has been incurred in the liquidation of
returned school taxes by the county.

Resolutions for Dr. Storrs.

The trustees of the Brooklyn Institute
of Arts and Sciences yesterday presented
a handsomely bound set of resolutions to
Dr. Storrs, president of the Institute, and
Dr. Storrs, in honor of his golden jubilee.
It was signed by Governor Stewart L.
Bart, Mayor Edward W. McCarty, Abraham
Abraham, Howard Glubb, Count John God,
Deputy Marshal Koch, John God, James
McNab and other trustees.

MISTLETOE KISSES NOT VERY WRONG.

Justice Dickey Doesn't Think
Henry Russell Should
Have a Divorce.

Believes the Couple Are Mis-
matched and Should Never
Have Married.

For the Sake of Their Children, How-
ever, They Should Continue
to Live Together.

SAYS MRS. RUSSELL WAS FOOLISH.

Received Love Letters from Other Men—
Cause of Complaint, the Justice
Says, Is About Equal on
Both Sides.

Justice Dickey, of the Supreme Court,
Brooklyn, dismissed the complaint yester-
day in the suit of John Henry Russell for
a separation from his pretty young wife,
Mrs. Russell. It was Mrs. Russell who ad-
mitted having kissed the gentlemen who
called at her parents' home on New Year's
Day, 1895.

MADE HER POSE FOR HIM.

Then Mrs. Levy Says Her Husband Decorated
Her with Varnish, and Now She
Wants a Divorce.

Rebecca Levy, who is suing her husband
for a separation in the Supreme Court,
Brooklyn, alleges that he made her pose
for him in the altogether. This was at the
time of the "living picture" craze. He
went out to a concert hall one night and
got drunk. When he got home he com-

plained that he was tired and wanted to
sleep. He said that he had been decorated
with varnish, and now she wants a divorce.

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BURGLARS IN WHITESTONE

Several Houses Entered and Jewelry and
Money Stolen—Thieves Arrested

Mrs. Noonan.

Whitestone, L. I., Dec. 22.—This village
is greatly aroused by daring burglaries
which occurred here early this morning.
The residence of John Bicket was entered
through the parlor window this morning,
and jewelry and money were taken.

John Noonan, foreman of the con-
struction department of the Point, also
received a visit from the thieves. Mrs.
Noonan was awakened about 1:30 o'clock
this morning by a man putting his hand
under her pillow. She quickly aroused her
husband, and in his light the burglar
grabbed Mrs. Noonan's trousers, which were
lying on a chair near the bed. Noonan,
donning another pair, hastened after the
thief. The burglar escaped. Mrs. Noonan
says that she can positively identify this
thief if he saw him again.

William D. Mariens's house was en-
tered through a parlor window in much
the same manner as the other places. He
lost a silver watch and chain and \$2.30 in
money.

Frank Taft was the next victim. His
house was entered through a window in
the rear. He lost his gold watch, a sil-
ver dollar, in cash, a gold locket and two
gold rings. It is thought that the
thieves' authorities will place several more
special policemen on duty.

A QUARREL, THEN SUICIDE.

Old Mrs. Dill Brooded Over Her Husband's
Words and Ended Her
Life.

Mrs. Wilhelm Dill, sixty-two years old,
the wife of Edward Dill, a wealthy real
estate owner of Dutch Kills, Long Island
City, committed suicide in her home at No.
202 Crescent street, yesterday. Her body
was found by her husband in the afternoon.
It lay on the couch near a window, and a
bottle of carbolic acid lay on the table be-
side it. The cause of the suicide was a quar-
rel with her husband on Sunday morning.

The old couple lived in a pretty cottage,
and were devoted to one another. They
had no children. After church on Sunday
the husband lost his temper. He let off a
few angry words, and his wife answered
him sharply. A bitter quarrel, the first in
many years, followed.

Mrs. Dill brooded over the matter, and
determined to end her life. She went to a
drug store on Avenue street at 11 o'clock
yesterday morning and bought some car-
bolic acid. With this she hurried home.
Then she lay down on the couch and swal-
lowed the poison.

WILLIAM LIKED HIS MILK.

A Ten-Year-Old Boy Arrested for Robbing
People in Lefferts Park.

In the Fort Hamilton Court yesterday
morning ten-year-old William Conrad was
arrested. Before Justice Covenhoven
charged with stealing bottled milk from the
front porches of residents of Lefferts Park.
William, who is a precocious youngster and
small for his years, lives with his widowed
mother on Sixty-fifth street.

For the last two weeks the police of the
New Utrecht Station have been at a loss
to account for the numerous robberies in
the milk line. Detectives were specially
assigned to work on the case, but met with
no success, and it remained for a citizen of
Lefferts Park to finally capture the cul-
prit.

Among the many who had suffered from
the depredations of young William was
Henry J. Wilkenkamp, of Sixty-seventh
street. Night after night Mr. Wilkenkamp
kept close watch with no results, although
the milk kept disappearing regularly. Early
yesterday morning his vigilance was re-
warded by seeing Conrad as he was rum-
pling from the area west of his house with a
quart bottle of milk in his hands. It re-
quired little or no effort on the part of Mr.
Wilkenkamp to catch the boy. Judge Coven-
hoven gave the little fellow a good lec-
ture on the evils of milk stealing, and on
his promising to be a good boy in the future
allowed him to go home.

BROOKLYN'S SILVER SERVICE.

Turned Over to the Citizens Committee to
Be Presented to the Cruiser.

The silver service which is to be pre-
sented to the cruiser Brooklyn by the Citizens
Committee is now in possession of the com-
mittee. The Alvin Company, which made
the service, surrendered it to the commit-
tee at the Brooklyn Warehouse, in Scher-
merhorn street.

The service consists of 341 pieces, large
and small, and cost \$5,400. William Berri
and Colonel George A. Price, of the com-
mittee, placed a special watchman in charge
of the silver, and he will guard it until the
day of presentation, which has not been
fixed.